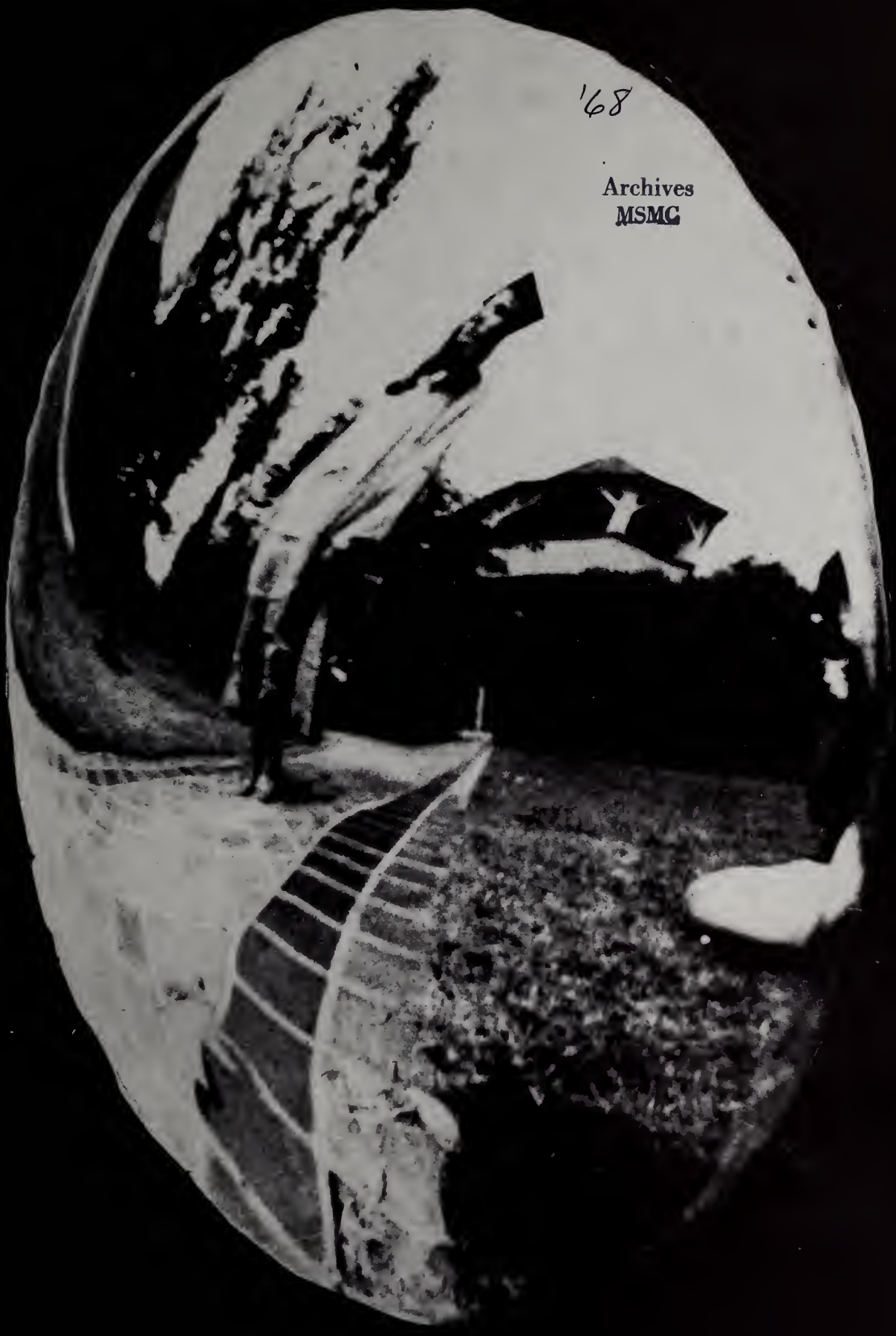

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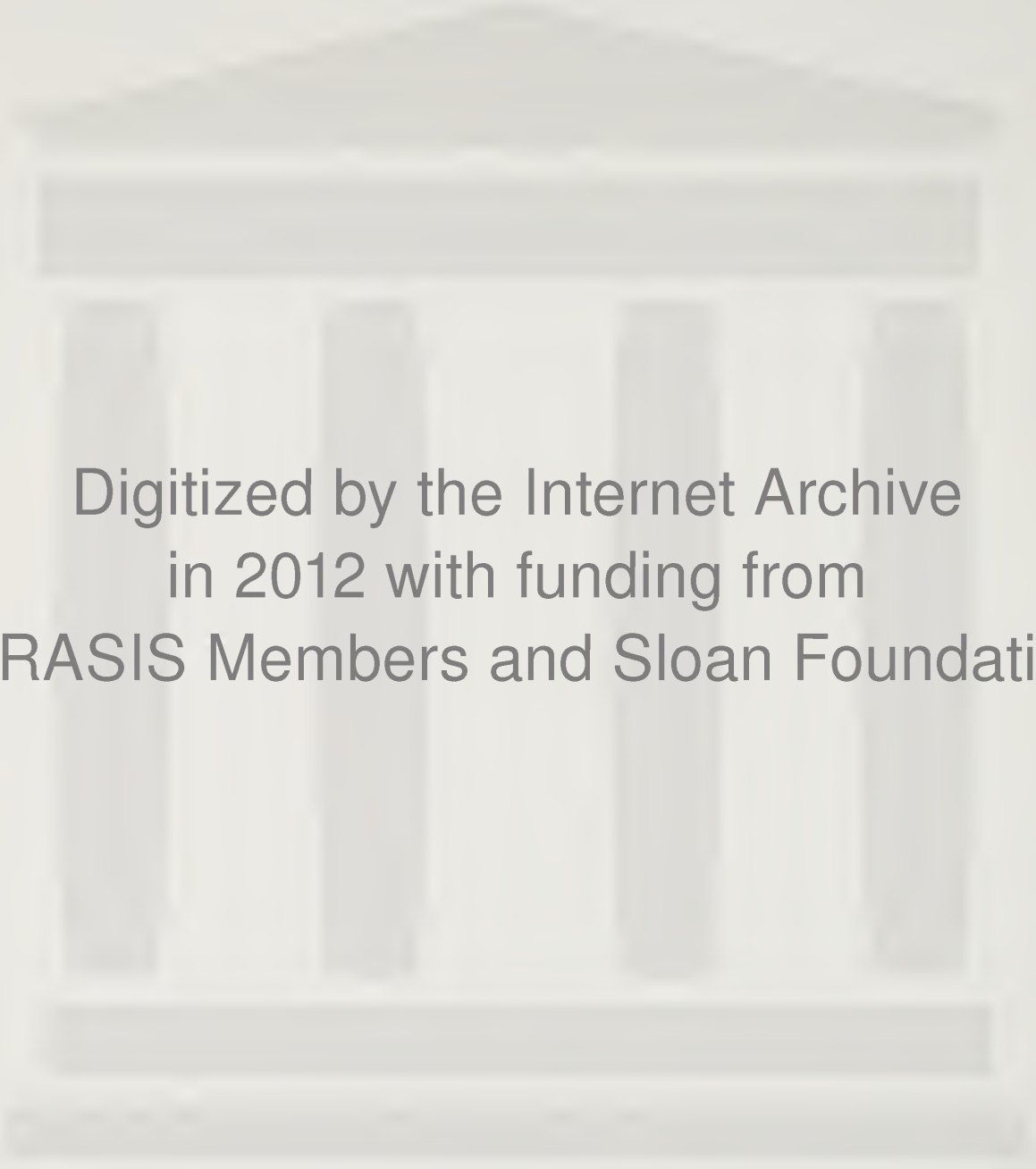

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Time, a river

rushing, rushing, never ending

continuously flowing but constantly

changing its course.

Time ticks on

in a quiet little place

in the center of a large and bustling city.

Time moves on through the ages

stopping for no man.

THE HISTORY OF CHESTER PLACE

Chester Place, now the home of Mount St. Mary's College, Doheny Campus, is one of the last remaining private residential squares reflecting the early history of Los Angeles. The stately old homes which now serve campus remind one of the days of the past.

The land that Chester Place is built upon was once a Spanish Land Grant. It was not until 1890 that the property was organized as an exclusive residential area by Judge Charles Silent. Judge Silent named the site Chester Place in memory of his son who died in a hunting accident. Oliver P. Posey, a mining engineer, built the mansion that is now known as Number Eight. However, the Poseys did not live there long and sold the mansion to Edward L. Doheny.

By 1904 there were thirteen homes located on Chester Place. During this period of time several distinguished personages were among the residents of these homes. Number One, now the student center, was owned by the Jaro von Schmidts, a pre-World War 1 German Count and Countess. Carl Leonardt, a well-known contracter, occupied Number Two. To him can be attributed the construction of the streets and sidewalks of Chester Place. Also in residence for thirty years was Dr. Rufus von Klein Smid, former president and chancellor of the University

of Southern California.

As time progressed the Dohenys began systematically to purchase the area surrounding Number Eight, until they eventually owned the all of what is now the present campus. When Countess Estelle Doheny died in 1958, she left the property to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for educational purposes. His Eminence Francis Cardinal James McIntyre in his wisdom invisioned this as an inner city campus and the first Catholic junior college of its kind on the west coast. The hallmark of this campus lies in its close student-faculty relationship.

Today Chester Place, accepting a new role, provides an atmosphere in which students may mature personally, socially, intellectually, and spiritually. The Doheny Campus is primarily concerned with helping each girl become more aware of her individual potentials and abilities and offers a flexible curriculum to the students thus giving them this opportunity.

While the peace and charm of Chester Place speak of the past, the Doheny Campus has aims to grow and change with the future. Thus the stately setting mingles with effervescence of youth to produce in modern society young women educated to appreciate both beauty and learning.

LIFE ON CHESTER PLACE

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Time was — Time shall be . . .

But where in time is now?

J. O. Adams

DON MITCHELL

What is time? . . .

the striking of the clock

the running of the sand,

day and night

summer and winter

months and years, centuries —

these are but arbitrary and

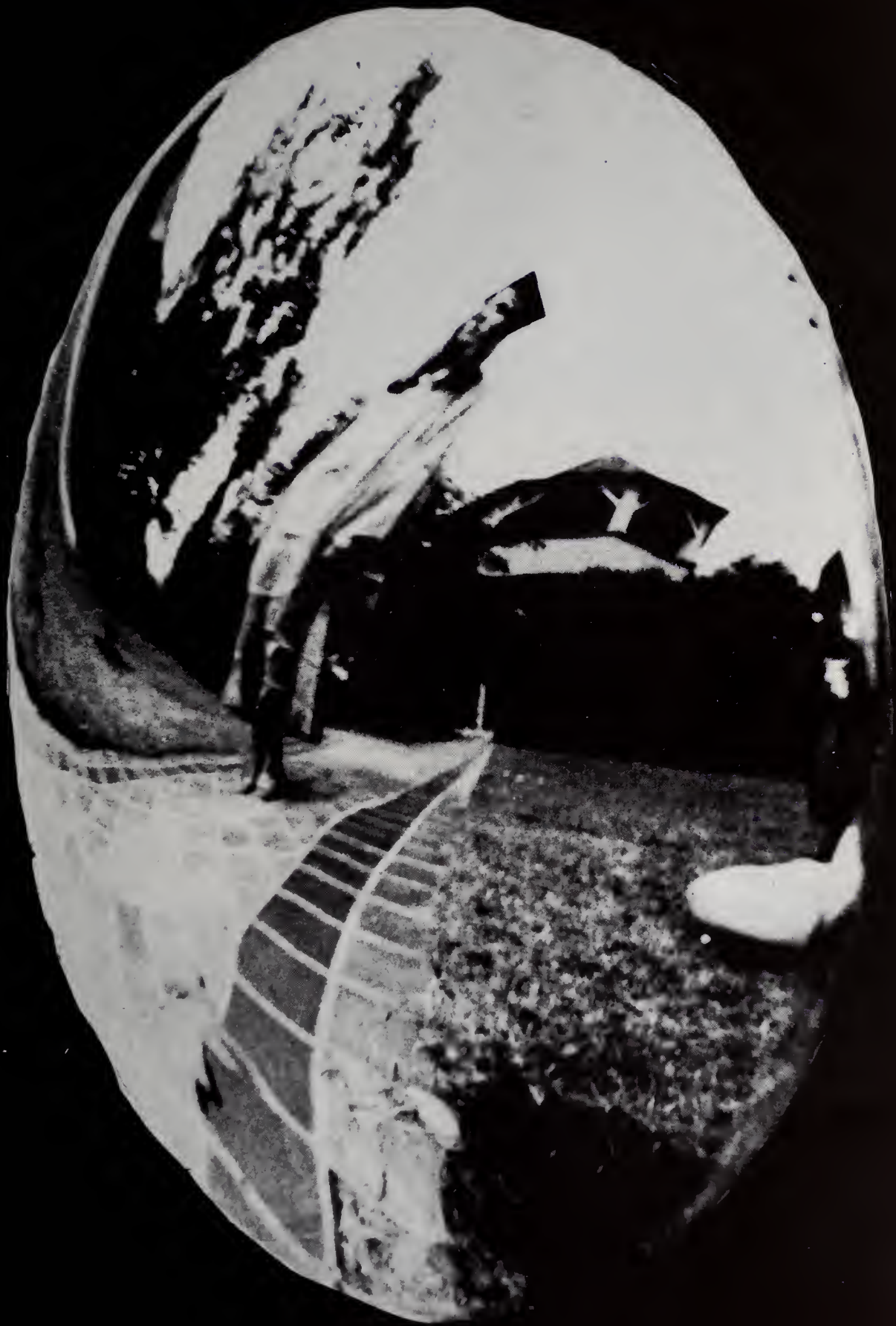
outward signs, the measure

of time, not time itself.

Time is the life of the soul

— Longfellow

THE GRADUATES



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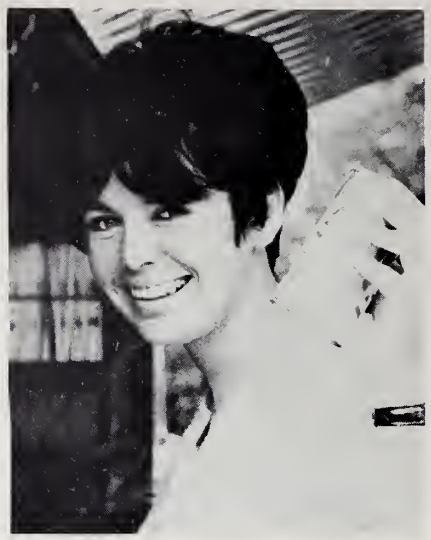

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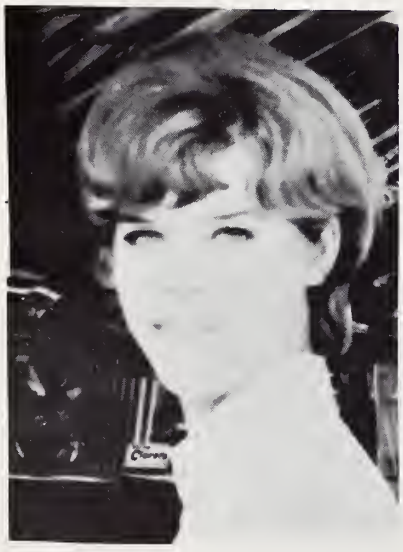

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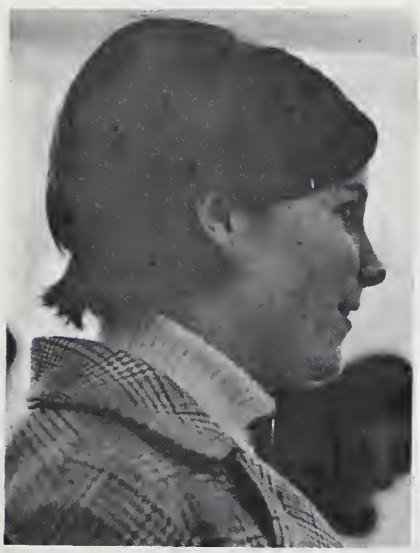
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